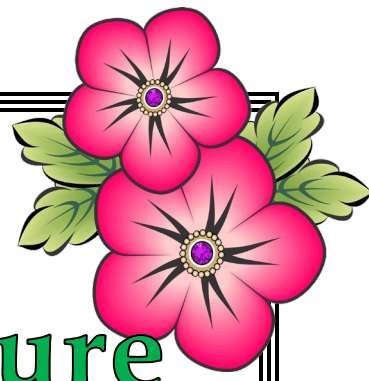


2022 Montezuma County Fair



Flower & Horticulture Open Classes & Show

Anyone can enter!

Entries: August 3, 2022
3-7 pm - Main Building
Show: August 4-6

Flowers
Vegetables
Fruits
Vegetable Basket

Separate Youth
& Adult Divisions

Cash Prizes

Bouquets
Formal Arrangements
Educational Display
Largest Squash

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JUDGING

Combination of both Danish & American Systems

- Each exhibit will be individually judged and awarded a blue, red, or white ribbon based on individual quality. Blue ribbon entries must meet all exhibit requirements. Blue is excellent quality. Red is good quality. White is fair quality.
- Best of Section: The top blue ribbon entries in each Section will be placed Champion and Reserve Champion as specified in each Section.
- Best of Department: The top items of a department will be placed Grand Champion (1st) & Reserve Grand Champion (2nd).

GENERAL RULES and REGULATIONS

Rules will be strictly enforced. Disqualification from one class results in disqualification from all classes; should any of these rules be broken. Disqualification will be determined by judges, superintendents and/or the Fair Board. In the event of conflict between the general rules and the special rules governing the various departments, the special rules take precedence.

- Classes are open to all residents of Montezuma, Dolores, and LaPlata counties.
- 4-H OPEN CLASS CHALLENGE. 4-H members are encouraged to recruit community members to enter open class exhibits. Exhibitors must identify which club will receive their points at open class entry check in. One point per person will be designated to Club of choice. The club with the most points will receive the "Go Getter" award presented at the annual 4-H Achievement Program in October. All clubs will be recognized for their efforts at the Achievement Program.
- Each exhibitor is solely responsible for his/her actions and any loss or injury or damage that may result. The Fair Board and Superintendents make every effort to conduct the fair in a safe manner, but accept no responsibility for the conduct of exhibitors.
- All Flower & Horticulture entries will be made the day of entry in person. All other Community Open Class entries should be made online at montezuma.fairentry.com.
- All Exhibitors must pay a one-time \$5.00 Entry Fee per person regardless of number of exhibits entered.
- Age categories for all classes are:
 - Adult - 18 years of age and older, regardless of school enrollment
 - Youth - 17 years of age and under, regardless of school enrollment.
- Exhibitors are responsible for classification of exhibit, not the Superintendent.
- Flower and Horticulture class exhibits will be released on Saturday, August 6, at 4:00 pm. Exhibits and prizes must be picked up in person unless other arrangements are made with the Superintendent.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT

All participants shall:

- Adhere to all rules, curfews, and policies of the Montezuma County Fairgrounds.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, to include: use of appropriate language; exhibition of good sportsmanship; and striving to be a positive role model.
- Respect the property rights of others.
- Refrain from physical and/or verbal abuse and harassment.
- Be prepared to accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Flower & Horticulture Open Classes - Rules

Department J: FLOWERS

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1. Exhibitors should obtain an exhibitor number and pay the one-time entry fee of \$5 at montezuma.fairentry.com by 4 pm on Tuesday, August 2, or in person at time of entries. All individual class entries will be made at the fair.
2. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, August 3, from 3 pm until 7 pm.
3. Judging will be on Thursday, August 4, at 9 am. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the floor during judging. Decision of the judges will be final.
4. The exhibitor with the most blue ribbons combined in Departments J and K is eligible for a Sweepstakes award.
5. Entries, ribbons, and awards, including cash prizes, must be picked up in person between 4 pm and 5 pm on Saturday, August 6. Entries & awards not claimed will be forfeited unless other arrangements have been made.
6. The show will open to the public on Thursday, August 4, when judging is completed until Saturday, August 6, 4 pm.

Division I. Fresh Flowers - Adult

1. Day Lilies, Hollyhocks, Poppies, and other flowers that wilt quickly may be entered on Thursday, August 4, at 8 am.
2. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor and be free of disease and insect infestation.
3. Bud and small vases will be provided for entries. Provide your own vase for larger flowers.
4. Scientific and variety names should be used on all entries as possible.
5. Cut specimens should not have foliage below water level.
6. An exhibitor may make only one entry of the same type in each class.
7. Classes may be divided by variety, color, size, etc. as needed.
8. Entries that are not of show quality or that contain Noxious Weed material will not be accepted.
9. Champion Award winners in this Division are eligible for a **Grand Champion Award and cash prize** and for Reserve Grand Champion ribbon.
10. A **People's Choice** award will be presented to an entry in this Division based on visitor ballots.

Section A - Garden Flowers

1. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for four **Champion Awards and cash prize** and for Reserve Champion ribbons.

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| 1. Agastache/Hyssop (<i>Agastache rupestris</i>), 1 stem | 18. Blanket Flower (<i>Gaillardia</i>), 3 stems, 1 variety |
| 2. Ageratum (<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>), 1 stem | 19. Butterfly Bush (<i>Buddleia spp.</i>), 1 stem |
| 3. Amaranth Hopi Red Dye (<i>Amaranthus</i>), 1 stem | 20. Calendula (<i>Calendula officinales</i>), 3 stems, 1 variety |
| 4. Amaranth Other (<i>Amaranthus</i>), 1 stem | 21. <i>Calibrachoa</i> 1 stem |
| 5. Angel Trumpet (<i>Datura</i>), 1 stem | 22. California Poppy (<i>Eschscholtzia californica</i>), 3 stems |
| 6. Angelonia, 1 stem | 23. Catmint (<i>Nepeta</i>), 3 stems, 1 variety |
| 7. Baby's Breath (<i>Gypsophila</i>), 1 stem, double | 24. China Aster (<i>Callistephus chinensis</i>), annual, 1 stem |
| 8. Baby's Breath (<i>Gypsophila</i>), 1 stem, pink, single | 25. Chocolate Flower (<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>), 3 stems |
| 9. Baby's Breath (<i>Gypsophila</i>), 1 stem, white, single | 26. <i>Clematis</i> , large, 1 bloom |
| 10. Bachelor Button (<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>), annual, 3 stems, 1 color | 27. <i>Clematis</i> , small, 3 blooms |
| 11. Bachelor Button/Corn Flower (<i>Centaurea montana</i>), perennial, 3 stems, 1 color | 28. <i>Cleome</i> , 1 stem |
| 12. Balloon Flower (<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i>), 1 stem | 29. Cockscomb Crested (<i>celosia</i>), 1 stem |
| 13. Bee Balm/Monarda (<i>Monarda</i>), 1 stem | 30. Cockscomb Plume (<i>Celosia</i>), 1 stem |
| 14. Bell Flower/Canterbury Bells (<i>Campanula medium</i>), 1 stem | 31. Coleus (<i>Plectranthus & Solenostemon</i>), 1 stem |
| 15. Bell Flower/Harebell (<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>), 3 stems | 32. Columbine (<i>Aquilegia</i>), double, 3 stems |
| 16. Bell Flower - any other (<i>Campanula</i>), 1 stem | 33. Columbine (<i>Aquilegia</i>), single, 3 stems |
| 17. Bells of Ireland (<i>Moluccella laevis</i>), 1 stem | 34. Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>), purple, 1 stem |
| | 35. Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>), purple, 3 stems |
| | 36. Coneflower (<i>Echinacea sp.</i>), any other color, 1 stem |
| | 37. Coneflower (<i>Echinacea sp.</i>), any other color, 3 stems |

38. Coral Bells (*Heuchera*), 1 stem
39. Coreopsis (*Coreopsis grandiflora*), double, 3 stems
40. Coreopsis (*Coreopsis grandiflora*), single, 3 stems
41. Coreopsis (*Coreopsis tinctoria*), 3 stems
42. *Cosmos*, 3 stems, 1 variety
43. Delphinium (*Delphinium grandiflorum*), perennial, 1 stem
44. Delphinium Hybrids (*Delphinium elatum*), perennial, 1 stem
45. Dianthus Carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus*), 1 stem
46. Dianthus Pinks (*Dianthus chinensis*), 3 stems
47. Dianthus Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*), 1 stem
48. Evening Primrose (Oenothera), 3 stems
49. Feverfew (*Tanacetum parthenium*), 1 stem
50. Foxglove (*Digitalis*), 1 stem
51. Gay Feather (*Liatris*), purple, 1 stem
52. Gay Feather (*Liatris*), white, 1 stem
53. Geranium (*Geranium*), perennial, 3 stems
54. Geranium (*Pelargonium*), tender, 1 stem
55. Globe Thistle (*Echinops ritro*), 1 stem
56. Gloriosa Daisy (*Rudbeckia hirta*), double, 1 stem
57. Gloriosa Daisy (*Rudbeckia hirta*), double, 3 stems
58. Gloriosa Daisy (*Rudbeckia hirta*), single, 1 stem
59. Gloriosa Daisy (*Rudbeckia hirta*), single, 3 stems
60. Goldenrod (*Solidago*), 1 stem
61. *Hydrangea*, 1 bloom
62. Hollyhock (*Alcea*), 1 stem
63. Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus ruber*), 1 stem
64. Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus ruber*), 3 stems
65. *Knautia*, 3 stems
66. Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantina*), 1 stem with flowers
67. Larkspur (*Consolida*), annual, 1 stem
68. Love-in-a-Mist (*Nigella*), 3 stems
69. Maltese Cross (*Lychnis chalconica*), 3 stems
70. Marigold (*Tagetes*), large, 1 stem
71. Marigold (*Tagetes*), small, 1 stems
72. Marigold (*Tagetes*), small, 3 stems
73. Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*), red, 3 stems
74. Mexican Hat (*Ratibida columnifera*), yellow, 3 stems
75. Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum*), 1 bloom
76. Nasturtium (*Tropaeolum*), 3 blooms
77. Osteosperma Cape Daisy, 3 stems
78. Parrot's Beak (*Lotus berthelotii*), 3 stems
79. Penstemon/Beardtongue (*Penstemon*), 1 stem
80. Penstemon/Beardtongue (*Penstemon*), 3 stems, 1 variety
81. *Petunia*, single, 1 bloom
82. *Petunia*, single, 1 stem with multiple blooms
83. *Petunia*, double, 1 bloom
84. *Petunia*, double, 1 stem with multiple blooms
85. Phlox, Annual Phlox (*Phlox drummondii*), 1 stem
86. Phlox, Garden Phlox (*Phlox paniculata*), 1 stem
87. Pincushion Flower (*Scabiosa*), 3 stems
88. Plume poppy (*Macleaya cordata*), 1 stem
89. Queen Ann's Lace (*Ammi majus*), 1 stem
90. Rudbeckia Goldstrum (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 1 stem
91. Rudbeckia Goldstrum (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 3 stems
92. Rudbeckia Herbstonne (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 1 stem
93. Rudbeckia Herbstonne (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 3 stems
94. Rudbeckia Hortensia (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 1 stem
95. Rudbeckia Hortensia (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), 3 stems
96. Russian Sage (*Perovskia*), 1 stem
97. *Salvia*, 1 stem
98. Sea Holly (*Eryngium planum*), 1 stem
99. Shasta Daisy (*Leucanthemum*), double, 1 stem
100. Shasta Daisy (*Leucanthemum*), single, 1 stem
101. Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), 1 stem, at least 6"
102. Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*), 3 stems, any variety
103. Snow-on-the-Mountain (*Euphorbia marginata*), 1 stem
104. Statice German (*Goniolimon tataricum*), 1 stem
105. Statice Sea Lavender (*Limonium latifolium*), 1 stem
106. Stock (*Matthiola*), 1 stem
107. Strawflower, (*Xerochrysum bracteatum*), 3 stems
108. Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), single, yellow/orange, 1 bloom
109. Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), single, red/maroon, 1 bloom
110. Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), single, any other color, 1 bloom
111. Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), double, 1 bloom
112. Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*), mammoth, 1 bloom
113. Sunflower (*Helianthus*), any other, 1 stem
114. Sweet Pea (*Lathyrus latifolius*), perennial, 3 stems, 1 color
115. Sweet Pea (*Lathyrus odoratus*), annual, 3 stems, 1 color
116. Tobacco Flower (*Nicotiana*), 1 stem
117. Verbena (*Lantana*), 3 stems
118. Veronica/Speedwell (*Veronica spicata*), 1 stem
119. Veronica/Speedwell (*Veronica spicata*), 3 stems, 1 color
120. Viola Johnny Jump Up (*Viola tricolor*), 3 blooms
121. Viola Pansy (*Viola*), 3 blooms, 1 variety
122. Viola Pansy (*Viola*), 3 blooms, different varieties
123. Wine Cups (*Callirhoe involuerata*), 1 stem
124. Yarrow (*Achillea*), 3 stems, 1 color
125. Yarrow (*Achillea*), 3 stems, different colors
126. *Zinnia*, large, 1 stem
127. *Zinnia*, medium, 1 stem
128. *Zinnia*, medium, 3 stems, 1 color
129. *Zinnia*, small, 3 stems, 1 color
130. Any other garden flower not listed, 1 stem

Section B - Bulbous Flowers

This Section is for **Bulbs, Tubers, Rhizomes, & Corms**. While there are differences, they are collectively referred to as bulbs and all serve the same purpose of storing food as an energy reserve for the plant.

1. Day Lilies may be entered on Thursday, August 4, at 8 am.
2. Provide your own container for entries that will not stand in a bud vase.
3. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.
 1. Dahlia Ball/Pompon, large, 1 bloom
 2. Dahlia Ball/Pompon, small, 3 blooms
 3. Dahlia Cactus, large, 1 bloom
 4. Dahlia Cactus, small, 3 blooms
 5. Dahlia Decorative, large, 1 bloom
 6. Dahlia Decorative, small, 3 blooms
 7. Dahlia Any other, 1 bloom
 8. Daylily, single (*Hemerocallis*), 1 stem
 9. Daylily, double (*Hemerocallis*), 1 stem
 10. Lily Asiatic, 1 stem
 11. Lily Oriental, 1 stem
 12. Lily Tiger, 1 stem
 13. Lily Trumpet, 1 stem
 14. Lily Any Other, 1 stem
 15. Gladiolus, standard, 1 spike
 16. Gladiolus, standard, 3 spikes, 1 color
 17. Gladiolus, standard, 3 spikes, different colors
 18. Gladiolus, miniature, 3 spikes
 19. Cattail, 3 stems under 24"
 20. Orchid
 21. Any other bulb, tuber, corm, or rhizome

Section C - Roses

1. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.
 1. Climbing, 1 bloom with foliage, no side buds
 2. Climbing, 1 spray with two or more blooms
 3. Floribunda, 1 bloom with foliage, no side buds
 4. Floribunda, 1 spray with two or more blooms
 5. Grandiflora, 1 stem
 6. Hybrid tea, 3 blooms
 7. Hybrid tea, 1 bloom
 8. Miniature, 1 bloom, no side buds.
 9. Miniature, 3 blooms, one color
 10. Miniature, 1 stem with two or more blooms
 11. Polyantha, 1 spray with two or more blooms
 12. Shrub Rose, 1 bloom
 13. Shrub Rose, 1 dominant bloom with side buds
 14. Shrub Rose, 1 spray with two or more blooms
 15. Any Rose - Fully open with stamens showing, 1 bloom
 16. Any Heirloom Rose, 1 bloom
 17. Any Heirloom Rose, 1 spray
 18. Any Other Rose, 1 bloom

Division II. Youth

Flowers:

1. Open to any youth through the age of 17. Classes are divided by age.
2. Blue ribbon winners in each class are eligible, if merited, for **one Champion award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.
3. Champion winners are eligible for a **Grand Champion award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon.
4. Entries must have been planted and cared for by the exhibitor.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to three flowers, each of a different species or variety.
6. Entries may be separated by variety.

Classes

1. Any flower grown by exhibitor through 7 years of age
2. Any flower grown by exhibitor 8 through 12 years of age
3. Any flower grown by exhibitor 13 through 17 years of age

Division III. Design – Adult & Youth

1. Entries that are not of show quality or that contain Noxious Weed material will not be accepted.
2. An exhibitor may make only one entry in each class.
3. A **People's Choice** award will be presented to an entry in Division III of Departments J and K combined, based on visitor ballots.

Section A - Fresh Bouquet

A Bouquet is a bunch of flowers or nosegay, more informal than a Floral Design. A bouquet should be arranged so it may be handled without disarranging it. Entries will be judged on condition of plant material, color, balance, and overall appearance. Flowers must be fresh but do not have to be grown by the exhibitor.

1. Entries must be displayed in your own vase of an appropriate size.
2. Entry may include stems of the same or different flowers along with filler flowers and foliage from other plants.
3. An underlay of fabric, cardboard, etc. is required.
4. No back drops or other accessories are permitted.
5. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Classes:

1. Vase less than 5" tall
2. Vase 5" to less than 7" tall
3. Vase 7" to less than 9" tall

Section B - Floral Design

Floral Design is the art of organizing plant materials, container, and accessories according to the principles and elements of design to attain beauty, harmony, distinction, and expression. The design principles are balance, proportion, rhythm, contrast, dominance, and scale. The design elements are light, space, line, form, size, pattern, texture, and color.

1. Plant material does not need to be grown by the exhibitor.
2. Plant material may be fresh or dried.
3. Fresh plant material may be clipped, stripped, bent, or otherwise manipulated. It may not be dyed or painted.
4. Appropriate accessories may be included.
5. Design must be named, and the name shown on an identification card. Additional information may be included; e.g. all plant material was dried or grown by the entrant; what inspired the arrangement, etc.
6. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Classes:

1. **Open Theme Design.** Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant material; fresh, dried, treated, or market fresh products. Designs must be to scale to fit within the provided wooden backgrounds without touching sides or back or extending above. Backgrounds are 32" high, 24" wide, and 14" deep. Wooden backgrounds must be draped as part of the design
2. **Petite Design.** Open theme class with total entry height 8" or under. Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant material; fresh, dried, treated, or market fresh products. Entries will be exhibited in an open space. An underlay must be included.

Department K: HORTICULTURE

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2. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, August 3, from 3 pm until 7 pm.
3. Judging will be on Thursday, August 4, at 9 am. Only authorized personnel will be allowed on the floor during judging. Decision of the judges will be final.
4. The exhibitor with the most blue ribbons combined in Departments J and K is eligible for a Sweepstakes award.
5. Entries, ribbons, and awards, including cash prizes, must be picked up in person between 4 pm and 5 pm on Saturday, August 6. Entries & awards not claimed will be forfeited unless other arrangements have been made.
6. The show will open to the public on Thursday, August 4, when judging is completed until Saturday, August 6, 4 pm.

Division I. Vegetables, Fruits, & Herbs - Adult

1. All entries must be grown by the exhibitor and be free of disease and insect infestation.
2. Unless otherwise specified, display entries on a paper plate or bowl of appropriate size. Small plates and bowls will be provided. Bring your own paper plate for larger entries.
3. Variety names should be used on all entries as possible.
4. An exhibitor may make only one entry of the same type in each class.
5. Classes may be divided by species, cultivar, color, size, etc. as needed.
6. Entries that are not of show quality or that contain Noxious Weed material will not be accepted.
7. Champion Award winners in this Division are eligible for a **Grand Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon.
8. A **People's Choice** award will be presented to an entry in this Division based on visitor ballots.

Section A - Fruit

1. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.
 1. Berries, Raspberries, ½ cup
 2. Berries, Strawberries, ½ cup
 3. Berries, Blackberries, ½ cup
 4. Berries, Any other, ½ cup
 5. Cherries, 1 cup
 6. Chokecherries, ½ cup
 7. Peaches, 3
 8. Plums, 3
 9. Grapes, green, 1 bunch
 10. Grapes, red, 1 bunch
 11. Grapes, any other, 1 bunch
 12. Apples, green, 3
 13. Apples, red, 3
 14. Apples, crabapples, 5
 15. Apples, heirloom, variety must be named, 3
 16. Any other heirloom fruit
 17. Any other fruit not listed

Section B - Vegetables

1. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for two **Champion Awards and cash prizes** and for Reserve Champion ribbons.
 1. Beans, dried, ½ cup
 2. Beans, green, 10 beans
 3. Beans, yellow, 10 beans
 4. Beans, any other fresh color or variety in the pod, 10 beans
 5. Beets, red, 3 without tops
 6. Beets, other color, 3 without tops
 7. Beet Tops, 10 leaves in water
 8. Broccoli, 1 head
 9. Brussels Sprouts, 1 stem
 10. Brussels Sprouts, 6 sprouts
 11. Cabbage, Napa, 1 head
 12. Cabbage, green, 1 head
 13. Cabbage, red, 1 head
 14. Carrots, orange, 3 without tops
 15. Carrots, any other color, 3 without tops
 16. Cauliflower, white, 1 head
 17. Cauliflower, any other color, 1 head

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| 18. Celery, 1 head | 50. Peppers, chili, long green, named, 3 |
| 19. Chard, colored, 5 leaves in water | 51. Peppers, chili, short green, named, 5 |
| 20. Chard, green, 5 leaves in water | 52. Peppers, chili, long red, named, 3 |
| 21. Corn, sweet white, 1 ear, husked | 53. Peppers, chili, short red, named, 5 |
| 22. Corn, sweet yellow, 1 ear, husked | 54. Peppers, any other large, named, 1 |
| 23. Corn, any other fresh variety, 1 ear, husked | 55. Peppers, any other small, named, 3 |
| 24. Corn, popcorn, 1 ear, husked | 56. Potatoes, blue/purple, 3 |
| 25. Corn, ornamental, 1 ear, husked | 57. Potatoes, fingerling, 3 |
| 26. Cucumber, slicing, 3 | 58. Potatoes, red, 3 |
| 27. Cucumber, small pickling, 5 | 59. Potatoes, white, 3 |
| 28. Cucumber, Lemon, 3 | 60. Potatoes, any other, 3 |
| 29. Eggplant, large, 1 | 61. Radishes, 5 without tops |
| 30. Eggplant, Japanese, 3 | 62. Spinach, 10 leaves in water if possible |
| 31. Eggplant, any other large, 1 | 63. Squash, Winter, 1 |
| 32. Eggplant, any other small, 3 | 64. Squash, White Scallop, 3 |
| 33. Fennel, 1 bulb | 65. Squash, Yellow Scallop, 3 |
| 34. Garlic, hard neck, no tops, 3 bulbs | 66. Squash, Yellow Crookneck, 3 |
| 35. Garlic, soft neck, no tops, 3 bulbs | 67. Squash, Yellow Straightneck, 3 |
| 36. Kale, 5 leaves in water | 68. Squash, Zucchini, 3 |
| 37. Kohlrabi, purple, 1 bulb | 69. Squash, any other summer, 3 |
| 38. Kohlrabi, white, 1 bulb | 70. Tomatillo, 6 |
| 39. Lettuce, 1 head in water if possible | 71. Tomato, heirloom, variety must be named, 1 |
| 40. Lettuce, leaf, 10 leaves in water if possible | 72. Tomato, large red, 1 |
| 41. Onion, red, 1 | 73. Tomato, large red, 3 |
| 42. Onion, red, 3 | 74. Tomato, large yellow, 1 |
| 43. Onion, white, 1 | 75. Tomato, large, any other, 1 |
| 44. Onion, white, 3 | 76. Tomato, cherry, red, 5 |
| 45. Onion, yellow, 1 | 77. Tomato, cherry, yellow, 5 |
| 46. Onion, yellow, 3 | 78. Tomato, cherry, any other, 5 |
| 47. Peppers, bell, green, 1 | 79. Turnips, 3 with tops |
| 48. Peppers, bell, red, 1 | 80. Any other vegetable not listed |
| 49. Peppers, bell, yellow, 1 | |

Section C - Culinary Herbs

1. Unless otherwise specified, display herbs as a ½" diameter bunch in water, not to exceed 12" in height. You may provide your own container.
2. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

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| 1. Basil, Genovese, foliage only | 15. Lemon Balm |
| 2. Basil, Red, foliage only | 16. Marjoram |
| 3. Basil, Lettuce leaf, foliage only | 17. Mint |
| 4. Basil, Other, foliage only | 18. Oregano |
| 5. Borage | 19. Parsley, curly leaf |
| 6. Chamomile | 20. Parsley, Italian flat leaf |
| 7. Chives, foliage only | 21. Rosemary |
| 8. Chives, with flowers | 22. Sage |
| 9. Cilantro, foliage only | 23. Tarragon |
| 10. Cilantro, 1 stem up to 24" with seed/flower head | 24. Thyme |
| 11. Comfrey | 25. Any other culinary herb, not listed |
| 12. Dill, foliage only | 26. Collection, 3 different varieties of the same herb in a display |
| 13. Dill, 1 stem up to 30" with seed/flower head(s) | 27. Collection, 3 different herbs in a display |
| 14. Fennel, foliage only | |

Division II. Youth

Vegetables:

1. Open to any youth through the age of 17. Classes are divided by age.
2. Blue ribbon winners in each class are eligible, if merited, for **one Champion award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.
3. Champion winners are eligible for a **Grand Champion award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon.
4. Entries must have been grown and cared for by the exhibitor.
5. An exhibitor may enter up to three vegetables, each of a different species or variety.
6. Entries may be separated by variety.

Classes

1. Any vegetable grown by exhibitor through 7 years of age
2. Any vegetable grown by exhibitor 8 through 12 years of age
3. Any vegetable grown by exhibitor 13 through 17 years of age

Division III. Special Exhibits - Adult & Youth

1. An exhibitor may make only one entry in each class.
2. A **People's Choice** award will be presented to an entry in Division III of Departments J and K combined, based on visitor ballots.

Section A - Produce Basket

1. Entries will be a collection of vegetables and produce displayed in your own basket.
2. Basket must be able to be lifted and stand on its own.
3. Produce material does not need to be grow by the exhibitor.
4. Accents of foliage, flowers, or accessories may be used.
5. To be judged on quality of produce, diversity, and presentation.
6. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Section B - Container Plants

1. Entries must be growing in a decorative or appropriate container no larger than approximately one gallon in size.
2. Entries must be grown by the exhibitor and in his/her possession since at least three months prior to entry.
3. Container must be able to stand on its own.
4. Container must be water tight or supplied with a drainage saucer.
5. An underlay of fabric, cardboard, etc. may be used as part of the entry.
6. Plant material should be named.
7. To be judged on the health of plant material and quality of display.
8. Entries must be setup during the regular horticulture entry time of 3 to 7 pm on Wednesday, August 3.
9. Blue ribbon winners in this Section are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion Award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Classes:

1. House Plant, Foliage only
2. House Plant, Blooming
3. Fairy Garden
4. Outdoor Pot

Section C - Educational Display

1. Displays must represent an agricultural, forestry, gardening, horticultural, landscaping, or similar topic.
2. Entries must be setup during the regular horticulture entry time of 3 to 7 pm on Wednesday, August 3.
3. Displays must be less than 3' wide and suitable for a table top. A three-fold display board is recommended.
4. Supporting materials & items are encouraged and may be placed on the table in front of the display board.
5. Blue ribbon winners are eligible, if merited, for one **Champion award and cash prize** and for a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Section D - Largest Squash

1. Judging is based totally on weight.
2. Entries will be divided into classes by variety of squash.
3. Squash weigh-in is during the regular horticulture entry time of 3 pm to 7 pm on Wednesday, August 3.
4. Entries will be displayed as possible.
5. A blue ribbon will be awarded to the heaviest squash of each type.
6. A red ribbon will be awarded to the runner-up squash of each type.
7. Remaining entries will receive a Participant ribbon.
8. The heaviest overall squash will be eligible for a **Champion award and cash prize**. The second heaviest squash overall will be award a Reserve Champion ribbon.

Classes:

1. Zucchini
2. Yellow Straightneck
3. Yellow Crookneck
4. Other Squash

Section E - Weird & Wonderful Vegetables

Save those odd shaped vegetables that make you smile when you find them in your garden. This is a non-judged, exhibition-only class for display of oddly shaped or unusual vegetables or fruits.

1. Entries must be clean.
2. Entries may be given a descriptive name.
3. Entries will be displayed as possible.
4. Multiple entries may be made.
5. All entries will receive a Participant ribbon.



Entering the Montezuma County Fair Flower Show

The flower show at the Montezuma County Fair is for all levels of gardeners and for gardeners of all ages. It is one of the Community Open Classes and is presented by the Mesa Verde Gardeners. Plan ahead, study the schedule, and learn how to exhibit your flowers. Entries are taken the Wednesday of the Fair from 3 to 7pm. Here are some helpful ideas for entering your cut flowers. Both community members and 4-Hers are encouraged to participate. For more information, call Ann Streett-Joslin at 970-317-4566.

Selection:

- All flowers must be grown by the exhibitor.
- Know the schedule and select the correct number of blooms, stems, or sprays for each class. Exhibitors may have only one entry in each class.
- Generally pick flowers when they are 3/4 open so they will be open for the show. For branches, try to choose specimens that have many flowers in various stages such as bud, partially open, and fully open.
- Any plant or plant material must be free of disease or pests.
- Chose multiple flowers and select the best when actually doing your entry.

Cutting & Conditioning:

- Make sure all your cutting implements and containers are clean before you begin.
- Flowers may be cut at sundown as they will have a full day's food reserve and loose less water. They may also be cut early in the morning, especially in very hot weather, before the dew has evaporated.
- Use a sharp knife, scissors or clippers to cut the stem at an angle, being careful not to crush it.
- Always cut the stem as long as possible. You can recut it later, under water, to modify the length to fit the proportions of the container or other cuts in your exhibit. You cannot add extra stem back on to display your specimen.
- It is important to get the cut specimen into warm water immediately, about 100° to 110°. This is so no air enters the stem to prevent the uptake of water. Submerge at least the lower half of each stem. After cutting, place the container and flowers in a refrigerator set at 35° to 40°F for 3 to 12 hours. Cooling permits the plant to take up more water than it releases and helps hold flower freshness. Never store flowers in a refrigerator with fresh fruits or vegetables; they release ethylene gas which will reduce the vase life of the flowers. Remove all leaves below water level.

Grooming:

- Grooming is one of the most important parts and showing. The cleanup of yellow leaves and faded flowers should not be put off until moments before the show but should be part of your daily routine for the well-being of your plants.
- Remove dirt, dust, debris, and insects from the flower, stem, and leaves using a soft cloth, brush, Q-tip, etc. Do not apply any polish or oils.

Staging:

- 4" and 9" bud vases are provided. Exhibitors must provide their own containers for larger or heavier specimens. Use plastic wrap, bubble wrap, or other material to stand the stem straight in the container. Please put your name on the bottom of any containers you provide.
- Carefully remove side buds and be sure no leaves are in the water.
- The schedule will indicate the number of blooms, spikes, sprays, etc. that are to be shown.
- When a class calls for multiple blooms, all should look exactly alike as to maturity, color, form, size, etc.

- A spray is a single main stem with blooms or florets borne on lateral branches, led by a terminal bloom, which blooms first. Examples of flowers shown as sprays are marigolds, petunias, and phlox.
- Volunteers will freshen entries during the show by adding water or removing faded material.

Transporting:

- Plan how to transport your entries well before the flower show.
- Beer or wine cartons already fitted with dividers will hold bud vases securely. Space your vases out so blooms are not crowded.
- Plastic pellets or crushed newspaper can be packed around vases or pots in boxes.

Labeling:

- Know your plants. Keep track of the seeds you plant and the tags from your annuals, perennials, and shrubs.
- At time of entry, refer to the list of classes for the department, class, etc. Then enter the common name, scientific name, and variety if possible. Follow the flower show list of classes.

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This YouTube video gives hints and examples of preparing your flowers for a flower show.

